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AUGUST 6, 2008

A joint meeting of the Village of Corinth and Town of Corinth was held on August 6, 2008, at the Corinth Fire House at 6:00PM.

Present: Richard Lucia, Supervisor  
Charles Brown, Councilman  
John Major, Councilman  
Edward Byrnes, Councilman  
Mitchell Saunders, Councilman  
Rose E. Farr, Town Clerk  
Robert Hafner, Town Attorney  
Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent

Bradley Winslow, Mayor  
Melanie Denno, Trustee  
Pauline Densmore, Trustee  
Leigh Lescault, Trustee  
Julius Enekes, Trustee  
Martin Auffredou, Village Attorney  
Arthur Lozier, III, Village Highway Superintendent  
Charles Zettek, Jr., M.S., Center for Governmental Research  
Michael N'dolo, Camoin Associates

After the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call by both the Village and the Town the following business was conducted:

Village Mayor Winslow and Town Supervisor Lucia honored the winners of the Eastern New York State Babe Ruth Team for their accomplishments this year with the following resolution being presented to them:

## Village & Town of Corinth Official Proclamation

August 6, 2008

**WHEREAS;** as the Mayor of the Village of Corinth, and Supervisor of the Town of Corinth, County of Saratoga, and State of New York, representing all 6,245 residents of Corinth, We hereby offer the following proclamation in honor of the following Corinth athletes

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**BE IT RESOLVED**; that the Village Board of Trustees on behalf of the Village of Corinth and the Town Board on behalf of the Town of Corinth hereby recognize and honor the following Corinth athletes and congratulates them on winning the Eastern New York State Babe Ruth League Championship

### Eastern NY Babe Ruth League Champions

A. J. Armstrong	Jordan Charboneau	Beecher Daniels
Shawn Delancey	Stephen Devine	Sean Elliott
Eric Jensen	Tyler Kirchhoff	Matt Lacey
Justin Millington	Erik Mosher	Jim Pittelli
Mike Siska	Jordan Tefft	

### New York State 16 – 18 Year Old Babe Ruth Championship

A. J. Armstrong	Jordan Charboneau	Beecher Daniels
Mike Darling	Shawn Delancey	Max Dumichich
Sean Elliott	Tyler Kirchhoff	Matt Lacey
Mike Maletesta	Chris Meister	Justin Millington
Erik Mosher	Jim Pittelli	Joe Quist
Mike Siska	Jordan Tefft	Rich Weinheimer

Presented with the official seals of the Village & Town of Corinth

this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

Bradley H. Winslow, Mayor  
Supervisor

Richard Lucia,

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Mayor Winslow welcomed the Town Board to the Village Board meeting and introduced Charles Zettek, Jr., M.S. of Centre for Governmental Research. Mayor Winslow said that Mr. Zettek and Michael D’Nolo from Camoin Associates would be speaking about the grants that are going to become available for consolidation study. Mayor Winslow stated that this is an informational session for the board and no decisions would be made.

Charles Zettek, Jr., M.S. of Centre for Governmental Research spoke to the boards regarding Shared Municipal Services and Consolidation. He said that his firm has done consolidation and shared service studies for the state for many years. He said that there is a specific process that the Town and Village need to go through to have a dissolution discussion. He said that there are two categories of studies that his company had done. One is for Town and Villages to look at shared services opportunities without necessarily thinking about dissolution. Mr. Zettek said that the dissolution process is a very defined legal process that must be initiated by the Village Board or by citizens. He said that the Town and Village do not have to necessarily go through a dissolution process to look at opportunities to shared services to keep costs as low as possible. He gave a list of Towns and Villages that his company worked with. He said that the Towns and Villages his company has worked with were two entities working together to look at what they should be thinking about as to ways to make the governments operate more efficiently and effectively for two main reasons. One is to save costs and the other reason would be to have more efficient government. He encouraged the boards to be thinking about both those aspects as they try to figure out how they want to share services.

1. What could make it seem like you are running the government smarter and better.
2. What cost reduction could you achieve as a result of running the government smarter and better.

He said that New York State Efficiency Grants do have as their underlying assumption the fact that the Town and Villages wants to figure out how to reduce the layers of government in New York State. He said the idea is by reducing the layers of government the operation will become more efficient and more cost effective. He said that most people recognize that we do need to do things better in New York State. He said that we should be thinking beyond the boundaries.

Mayor Winslow called upon Michael N’dolo of Camoin Associates to speak on grants. Mr. N’dolo said that there have been three years of Shared Municipal Service Initiative Grants that have been given to various Town and Villages. He said one of the suggestions of the Commission on Local Efficiency’s recent report was to rechristen the SMI Program which is now called the Local Government Efficient Grant. He said they changed some of the ways the grant works but in general there are four different types of projects that can be applied for. Mr. N’dolo said that he thinks the best one, at this point, for the Village is a \$50,000.00 maximum grant that would be is a plan to look at consolidation of services or possibility dissolution of government. He said there are additional grants that once a plan is identified they can be used for implementation in a further grant. He also said that the state is suppose to be adding additional resources based on the commission’s report which had yet to materialize at this moment. Mr. N’dolo said the grant itself has not yet been announced but the intention to make

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the grant available has been announced. He said no application or deadline has been announced. He said he assumes that the grant will be similar to the SMI grant regarding what must be produced, etc. He said that he thinks the Town and Village would want to come to an agreement on what exactly would be the scope of services that they want to have done in the planning effort. He said they should know if it is going to be covering a specific service, a multiple of services, different overlapping jurisdictions or just the Town and Village, or if it includes any water, sewer or fire districts. He said there also needed to be the appropriate resolutions from both the Town and Village Boards.

Mayor Winslow asked if the grant application would be ready soon. Mr. N'dolo said that the program was just announced and there isn't much information. Councilman Saunders read from a letter the Town received dated July 23, 2008 wherein it indicated that the Department of State was pleased to announce the passage of the 2008 budget and the Department of State has been authorized to fund another round of shared service grants. Charles Zettek, Jr. stated that he understands that the grants applications for consolidation and shared services will not necessarily have to go to the competitive bidding process as was the way in the past. He said that each application would be reviewed when received on its own merit. He said this could mean that a grant could be funded in as little as fifteen (15) days after it is received.

Trustee Denno asked if the grant took the Village and Town agreeing or was it just the Village's resolution. Mr. N'dolo said that he thought the idea of this is cooperation so if the Village wants to do this they will require cooperation from the Town. He stated that the Village could apply by itself but he would not recommend it.

Mr. Zettek said that the Village does have complete control of the dissolution process. He said that the dissolution plan that is require as a result of that requires a decision of a dissolution committee made up of Village and Town board members and/or citizens. He said therefore the Town could not being a participant in the dissolution. He said there would be Town and Village conversations regarding dissolution. Councilman Saunders asked if that committee had to be established prior to applying for the grant. Mr. Zettek said that he didn't know for sure but he said he thought the committee could be set up after the grant is applied for. Councilman Saunders said either a petition of at least one-third of the registered voters of the Village or the Village Board decides on its own. He said that one Of those things have to happen. Mr. Zettek said he thought that they should demonstrate that there is a cooperative experience happening and that this not going to send in a dispute with resources tied up. Councilman Saunders said he thought that if the committee was in place prior to applying for the grant the state would look favorable on it. Mayor Winslow said that he didn't think there was much for the committee to do prior to getting a consultant which is what the grant money would be used for.

Village's Attorney Martin Auffredou explained that the process of dissolution can be by the initiative of the Board of Trustees or it can be by petition signed by one-third of the Village citizens that were qualified to vote in the last election. He said that once the Village either decides to dissolve on its own initiative or is presented with a petition then the Village Board appoints the committee. He said that there is no set number of people to be on the committee. However, he said the law does say that the committee must be comprised of at least two residents

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of the Town that reside outside of the corporate limits of the village. He said the purpose of the committee is to prepare a dissolution report or dissolution plan. He said the law is very specific as to what must be included in the dissolution plan. Attorney Auffredou said that the plan must deal with such things as items as disposition of Village property, what is going to happen to Village employees, what is going to happen to Village laws and ordinances, what about the fiscal situation, what about the debts to and of the Village, and how they are going to be handled, etc. He said once the plan is prepared in draft form the committee, not the Village Board, sets up and conducts a public hearing. After said hearing the report is presented to the Village Board and the Village Board must hold another public hearing. Attorney Auffredou said that after that public hearing is closed the matter goes to an election. He said he understand that that election must occur similar to a Permissive Referendum vote occurs. He said that the vote has to occur not less than thirty (30) days and not more than sixty (60) days after the close of the public hearing. He said that if a majority of the qualified electors of the Village approve the dissolution and at that time once the dissolution is approved there is a process that kicks in as to what happens to Village property, Village laws, etc. He said the dissolution actually becomes effective on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year after the vote took place.

Attorney Auffredou said that he wanted to re-emphasis that dissolution is in many ways a joint process but it is a Village controlled process with the Village setting the agenda for this process with the assistance of the Town. He said the Town gets notice of everything. He said it would really make no sense in his view for any Village to be considering dissolution or consolidation without tremendous input from the Town. He said he wanted to emphasis that under the law it is the Village that drives the process.

Trustee Denno asked Attorney Auffredou if when he said two members of the town that meant two members of the Town Board. Attorney Auffredou told her that he doesn't read the law that way. He said it says two residents of the Town it does not say it has to be members of the Town Board. He said that the Village sets the number of the members of the committee, the Village Board appoints the committee and the Village Board tells the committee what it is that they would like to see them report on. He said he agreed that something like this the committee really needs a consultant.

Mr. N'dolo asked about the vote of one-half of the voters must vote in favor. Attorney Auffredou stated that actually it is 51% in favor of the proposition itself. Mr. N'Dolo asked if it was half the eligible voters that voted or half the eligible voters.. Attorney Auffredou said that the law said half of the qualified voters. Attorney Hafner added that it says "voting thereon".

Mayor Winslow asked Attorney Hafner if he wanted to address the boards. Attorney Hafner said if he did it would sound almost identical to what the village attorney has already said. Supervisor Lucia asked if the Village attorney had been quoting from Article 19. Attorney Hafner said it was from Article 19 of the Village Law. Attorney Hafner said that from the Town's viewpoint some time questions come up regarding what happens to the existing debts of the Village. He said that the debt stays with the Village residents. He said that there is a two year period after dissolution that the Villages rules and regulations continue to apply and services can continue. Attorney Hafner said it is a very lengthy process.

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Councilman Saunders said that he heard at this meeting that it was sixty to ninety days after the recommendation of the Village Board and he understood that it was the next general election. Councilman Saunders said that in order to have a Special Election there would have to be two-thirds of a petition signed. Attorney Auffredou said that that was right but he was just saying that it could not be before thirty days after closing of the public hearing. Attorney Hafner said that often when he looked at that question for Towns, he said he hadn't look at it for Villages, it is usually sixty to seventy-five days but it might be different for Villages. Attorney Hafner said that when he tries to set up things like this he tries to set it up at the General Election because it is cheaper for the Village. Attorney Auffredou said he doesn't interrupt the law to say that it has to be held at the General Election. Mr. Zettek said that various municipalities that he has worked with have counted back from the General Election date to have the vote coincide with the date of the General Election.

Mr. N'dolo asked what happened to the existing contracts, agreements, stipulations or whatever the Village is currently entered into through the dissolution process. He asked if it was just going to fall on the Town at that point. Attorney Auffredo said that they should be dealt with in the plans of dissolution but if they are not dealt with in the plans for dissolution he thinks on the date of dissolution those contracts, obligations under those contracts, would become null and void and they were essential services they would have to become obligations of the Town and payment of those obligations would be continued to be bore by the taxpayers.

Mayor Winslow said that the Town and Village Boards had a joint meeting in May wherein it was concurred that it would be in the best interests to pursue the consolidation study and the Local Efficiency Grant and he said he was sure that was still the direction they are headed.

Councilman Major asked Attorney Hafner that if the Town and Village were to go down the road to dissolution he understands that the Town cannot have a municipal Fire Department. Attorney Hafner said that Councilman Major was correct. He said that the Town provides fire services one of two ways. They either provide it by a contract with in this case the Village or the other is that a fire district may be set up. He said that if a Fire District is set up it is not a part of the Town its actually the smallest municipality in the State of New York and people then vote for commissioners. He said most towns do it by districts. He said in other Towns that he represents they usually do it by contract with a not-for-profit fire company. Attorney Hafner discussed with Councilman Major Fire Districts, etc. Attorney Hafner said that that might be something that would be dealt with in the plan.

Councilman Brown said that he printed an article off the internet entitled "Implementations of a Village Dissolution". He said that this contains everything that would ever come up in dissolution.

Councilman Byrnes said that it was his understanding that the Village had done a dissolution plan in the past and he wanted to know if it was possible for the boards to get information regarding those plans. He said even they could be given the names of the people that were on the committees it might be beneficial to speak to them. Trustee Denno said that Nicole Colson was

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researching that for the Village Board at the present time. Councilman Saunders said he had a copy of the most recent one. He said he would take it to the Town if somebody would copy it.

Trustee Denno asked about the Revolving Loan balance the Village had, if it was a contract or what. Attorney Auffreduo said that the Village has an obligation to the people. He said whether or not the revolving fund could be transferred or not would be up to the Revolving Fund people. Michael N'dolo said that it has been his company perspective that the Revolving Loan is federal money and it is a perpetual obligation to the point where you have less than \$2500.00 program income. He said there is obligation to use the money consistent with regulations and statutes. Attorney Hafner said that he would expect that would be part of the plan but if the Village did dissolve it would be part of the Town's responsibility to administer according to what the Village obligations were. Attorney Hafner said that is one of the reasons an expert is needed to help with the plan because there is a lot of complicated things that will need to be thought about.

Trustee Denno asked about the Fire Department's length of service program and what would happen regarding that. Charles Zettek said that districts across the state have different program and he wasn't sure if that program itself could be transferred or if a new program would have to be started.

Supervisor Lucia said that he checked about the sales tax and found that it would not change. He said that on the other hand grants such as Small Cities, Multi-Module they won't get as much because they will only give a certain amount to a community where now the Village gets some and the Town gets some. Councilman Saunders said that per Governor Patterson he didn't think there would be much money there either.

Trustee Enekes asked how the residents have a say in this. Charles Zettek said that the residents don't have a say except at the public hearings since only Village taxpayers can vote. He said that there will be cost implications to the Town and there will be tax shifts that will occur. He said that in other Towns and Villages he knows the residents of both had discussions regarding the dissolution. Supervisor Lucia said that both the Town and Village are going to cooperate so they do whatever is best for everybody.

Councilman Major asked what kind of costs could be shifted to the Town residents. Mr. Zettek told him the Town would be responsible for taking care of the sidewalks, street lighting and sewers among other things. He said some of which could be handled by a Special District such as a lighting district where only the Village resident that are in the lighting district would pay for the lighting district. He said this should all be a part of the plan. Mayor Winslow said that it would be like the parks now. He said they were located in the Village and the Village maintains them. He said however the Town residents use the parks. Mr. Zettek said that parks would become common property and be paid for by all residents.

Mayor Winslow stated that in the Village the residential taxpayers pay approximately 50% of the cost of services with the industrial customers paying the other 50%. He said that one of the things that would have to be looked at closely is how the dissolution would effect the payment of those services. He said it would have to be decided if the industrial customers would still be

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paying the same percentage as in the past or if that amount would change. He said this has to be closely looked at. He said that it is a potential application that perhaps the residential taxpayer would have to pay more.

Councilman Byrnes asked if the DPW had to sell off all their equipment and the Town have to purchase back whatever they need to maintain the roads, etc. Mr. Zettek said he has worked with municipalities that did not sell off the equipment. He said that would be the something that the committee would look at. Attorney Hafner said that if nothing is done it automatically would be owned by the Town. Mayor Winslow said he thought that would be some of the things that would have to be negotiated if there ever was dissolution.

Village Highway Superintendent Lozier asked if someone would keep in contact with the bargaining unit of the Village. He said some of the men are worried about losing their jobs. Mayor Winslow said that the process is going to be public so everybody knows what is going on.

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James Murray, Sr. said he believes that prior studies on dissolution should not be considered since times are much different now.

James Hopkins said he remembered a couple of surveys that were sent out and he said he remembered one of the questions being about consolidation but he never heard the results. Mayor Winslow said that he thought the survey was one that he sent out a couple of years ago with the Village Tax Bills and the question on the survey was whether as a Village resident you thought consolidation of the Village and Town should be studied. He said a majority of Village residents said thought it should be studied. Mr. Hopkins asked if the state provides any consultants, etc, to assist in the study. Mayor Winslow told him that they did not and he thought that is why the grants were available. Mr. Hopkins said that a majority of people wanted to know if consolidation would save taxes. He said that we already have shared services. He said he would suggest if it was found that consolidation could not save taxes then they should look at shared services. Mayor Winslow stated that he thought that was the way they were going about it by getting a grant that would pay for 90% of the money for a consultant to assist the committee to look at dissolution as well as shared services. Mr. Hopkins asked what sort of time frame the Village is looking at. Mayor Winslow said he didn't know but the first thing that had to be done was apply for the grant and the grant has not been announced yet. He said he received a letter of intent but actually the application has not been finalized yet. He said he thinks this has to be done responsibly and professional help is needed. Mr. Hopkins asked what happens if the Village does not get the grant. Mayor Winslow said that the grant is not competitive. Mr. Zettek said that it seems to be a first come first serve. Councilman Saunders said he spoke with the State Department and they indicated that the first \$50,000.00 is almost automatic. He said it is not competitive and that if the boards were in agreement and a committee is in place it is pretty much guaranteed.

Councilman Major asked what the time frame was if the grant money was there. Mr. Zettek responded that it would take at least six to nine months. He said that there would probably be public meeting during this time as well as the required two public hearings.

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Mayor Winslow asked what the time period was for the grant. Mr. Zettek said it might be as short as a couple of week. Mayor Winslow said regarding the question about if we don't get the grant that would be something both boards would need to address since it would be a significant amount of money that would have to be spent to hire the consultant.

Supervisor Lucia said he also understood that the first \$50,000.00 was almost guaranteed. He said the next two or three grants would be more competitive. He said the state wants you to do this so the first is almost guaranteed.

Bob Hudak asked Mr. Zettek if the Center for Governmental Research is a not-for-profit corporation. Mr. Zettek stated that the Center for Governmental Research was founded in 1915 and is a not-for-profit corporation. Mr. Hudak asked if there were many not-for-profit firms that do the same thing. Mr. Zettek said he thought if they put a bid out there might be ten companies that would bid. Michael N'dolo stated that they stopped bidding on these things when CGR took them all always from them. Mr. Hudak said he got some information from Fair Weather Associates out of Lake George. Mr. Hudak said he was concerned about the existing debt of the Village which is over \$6,000,000. He said he understands that as part of the consolidation process the state is making efforts to supply money to help cover some of that debt. He said he believes it is \$250,000.00 per year up to five years. Mr. Hudak asked if the Village assets could be sold and that money be used to pay down debt or do all those assets have to go to the Town as a whole. Mr. Zettek said that this could be a part of the plan. Attorney Auffredou stated that he believes that there is a provision in the law that prior to dissolution there can be agreements as to what is going to happen to certain items and they can be incorporated in the plan. Mayor Winslow said he wanted to point out the debt of the Village is approximately \$6,000,000.00 and the Town shares in this debt. He said that when the fire house was built it cost a little over \$2.2 million. He said that the Town pays their half for the bond that covers the fire house. He said that he wanted to point out that debt is not just debt that the Village ran up on unnecessary Village expenses. He said the debts were for rebuilding Center Street and Hamilton Avenue and they built the fire house. Mayor Winslow said the Village had no choice in repairing the roads. Mayor Winslow stated that there were other streets that had to be replaced in the Village and the Village may have to take on more debt to replace those streets. He said he wanted the public to keep in mind that the debt the Village has was money well spent.

Stan Hoffman asked if this dissolution goes to the committee, they come up with a plan, they have the public hearings and everything is done as it should be are the Village residents going to get to vote on this. Mr. Hoffman said apparently the citizens could not vote on the last decisions. He said it is too big for just three members of the board to decide. He said it should be put off to a referendum vote if we go this far and spend money or get money from the state then the citizens should get to vote on that. Attorney Hafner said the method of dissolving a Village is set in State Law. He said State Law says you can do so by one of two ways, either the Village Board decides to do it and the other is a petition with enough people and you have to go to vote.

Supervisor Lucia said he thought what Mr. Hoffman was saying was should the committee vote to dissolve the Village and it goes to the Village Board and the Village Board says no and we

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are not going to put it up for a vote can the Village do this. Attorney Hafner said yes unless there is a petition that would force it to a vote. Councilman Saunders said he would hope that the committee comes in with no bias and it is more of a fact finding with the pros and cons given to the Village Board and then put it to a vote. He said he agreed with what Mr. Hoffman said that if we go through this whole process then the people could be able to go in and vote their conscience. Trustee Denno said that she agrees with that but if a petition is submitted prior to the findings of the committee no fact finding can be done. Mr. Zettek said that once the process if started either by the Village Board or a petition there must be an election it is not the Village Board that makes that decision.

Mr. Stan Hoffman said it was his opinion that if the village employees were that interested they should have attended this meeting.

Sher Millis stated that she was on the strategy planning committee and 730 surveys were sent out and a majority were in favor of looking at consolidation. She said she was also on the Master Plan Committee and they sent out 320 and a majority of them were also in favor of looking at consolidation.

Louise Carney asked if the grant that they plan on applying for would pay for the consultant. Mayor Winslow said that the grant would pay for approximately 90% of the consultant's fee. She questioned if there would be a water district, sewer district, and lighting district set up so that the residents that obtain these services would have to pay because she said the people in the Town live in the Town because they don't need the services and don't want to be billed for the services. Supervisor Lucia said that the way he understands it is the districts or streets that get the services will have to pay for the services and those that don't get the services will not have to pay for same. Councilman Saunders stated that the Town does have water districts and lighting districts in the Town at the present time.

Rex Moon, Jr. made the comment that the two boards have to get together and decide what they want to present to the voters. He said the boards have to do this in advance. He said that the people elect the boards to make the decisions and make recommendations. He said the boards have to make the recommendations and then the voters will say whether they agree or disagree.

Ronald Ogden said he was confused about what had already been discussed whether it was shared services or dissolution. Mayor Winslow said they were going to look at both. Mr. Ogden said that perhaps we could share services and make it more efficient. Mr. Ogden said he understood that the state has recommended that we look into consolidation.

Peter Morreale said that he was a member of the last committee regarding consolidation and he worked for one and a half years on the committee. He said they had recommended that they have a consultant come in and verify the findings of the committee. He said all information needs to get out. Mayor Winslow said that they need to go through with the study and look at it responsibly and then go from there. Supervisor Lucia said he would like Mr. Morreale to be a part of the new committee. Mr. Morreale said that he would not be a part of it because he spent one and half years of dedicated work and nothing was done. He said he would help by getting

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together the information he had from last time that he has in his computer but would not want to serve on the committee.

Kendra Schriber said that a year ago she was to conference and was asked about State beautification grants and if the Village had applied. She said she applied and the Village received the grant. She asked if the Village was dissolved could we still apply or get these types of grants. Mayor Winslow said the answer to that would be the Town could still apply. He said that they would lose some grants if the Village dissolved and that was something that would have to be looked at. Mayor Winslow said that the Village has gotten approximately \$2million worth of grants over the last few years and this was something that really needed to be looked into. Mayor Winslow said there could be a loss of revenues if there were not two municipalities to apply for grants.

Stan Hoffman said that he did not like the term “loss of revenues” because these monies are grants and they could dry up just like that. He said they were special perks that you get from the governments.

Mayor Winslow told the public that he wanted to point out that when the Village Highway Superintendent spoke about notifying the union he is not a union member. Mayor Winslow said he was suggesting that the union be kept apprised. Mayor Winslow said that the Village Board always has to talk with union and that is part of the budget negotiations.

Jim Hopkins said he thinks the Village folks are very happy with the way the Village DPW handles the roads, etc. and the Town folks are equally happy with the way their Highway Superintendent handles the roads, etc. so how could the committee even think about laying off any of those employees. Councilman Saunders said that the possibility is there that they may have to increase same.

Mayor Winslow said that is one of the reasons that we need to hire a consultant to assist the Committee.

Supervisor Lucia said that both boards have committed previously that they want to do this correctly and right for everybody.

Bob Hudak asked at what point the matter would have to go to a vote. Attorney Auffredou told him that either the board has to recommend or an official petition must be filed..

Councilman Saunders stated that he wanted to clarify this. He said that back when Governor Spitzer was in office he put a committee together called the Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness Committee. He said that the Committee had approximately fifteen meeting across the State of New York. Councilman Saunders said he attended a meeting of this committee in Saratoga Springs, He said the Committee came up with several recommendations and they were released in April. Councilman Saunders stated that subsequently Governor Patterson endorsed this program and those recommendations are where the grant money is being originated from. He said they recognize and the legislatures in Albany recognize that the Federal

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Government is drying up also in revenue. He said they have to come up of solution in order to maintain the cost. Councilman Saunders said the governor announced on May 10<sup>th</sup> that the projected loss of revenue is approaching \$26 billion. He said local government has to take a hand in this. Councilman Saunders thanked Mayor Winslow and Supervisor Lucia for leading this effort.

Mayor Winslow thanked Charles Zettek, Jr. for making the trip he made, thanked Michael N'dolo for coming and thanked the Town Board for coming this evening.

Mayor Winslow said that his meeting would adjourn for a few minutes and the Town Board left.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose E. Farr, RMC  
Town Clerk